

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army****Advisory Committee Meeting Notice
(Historical Advisory Committee)**

AGENCY: U.S. Army Center of Military History, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 10 (a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

Name of Committee: Department of Defense Historical Advisory Committee.

Date: 28 October 1999.

Place: U.S. Army Center of Military History, Building 35, 103 Third Avenue, Fort McNair, DC 20319-5058.

Time: 0900-1600.

Proposed Agenda: Review and discussion of the status of historical activities in the United States Army.

Purpose of the Meeting: The committee will review the Army's historical activities for FY 1999 and those projected for FY 2000 based upon reports and manuscripts received throughout the period and formulate recommendations through the Chief of Military History to the Chief of Staff, Army, and the Secretary of the Army for advancing the use of history in the U.S. Army.

For further information contact: All communications regarding this advisory committee should be addressed to Dr. Jeffrey J. Clarke, U.S. Army Center of Military History, ATTN: DAMH-ZC, 103 Third Avenue, Fort McNair, DC 20319-5058; telephone number (202) 685-2709.

Supplementary information: Meeting of the advisory committee is open to the public. Because of restricted meeting space, attendance may be limited to those persons who have notified the Advisory Committee Management Office in writing at least five days prior to the meeting of their intention to attend the 28 October 1999 meeting.

Any members of the public may file a written statement with the committee before, during, or after the meeting. To the extent that time permits, the committee chairman may allow public presentations of oral statements at the meeting.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers****Intent To Prepare Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), Centralia-Chehalis Flood Damage Reduction Study, Lewis County Washington**

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Seattle District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is proposing to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Centralia-Chehalis Flood Damage Reduction Study. The government of Lewis County (Washington) requested this study because of significant flooding on the Chehalis River and its tributaries. An EIS is being prepared because of the potential for impacts on environmental resources, including the human environment. Potential impacts include those to wetlands, fish and wildlife habitat, cultural and historical resources, downstream flooding, and water quality. There is also intense public interest in addressing the flooding problems.

DATES: Persons or organizations wishing to submit scoping comments should do so by September 30, 1999. Public comment may also be made at the scoping meetings (dates and locations to be determined later). Notification of scoping meetings times and locations will be sent to all agencies, organizations and individuals on the project mailing list.

ADDRESSES: Requests for documents and all comments should be sent to: Kathleen Kunz, NEPA Coordinator, Seattle District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 3755 Seattle, Washington 98124-2255. ATTN: CENWS-PM-PL-ER, telephone (206) 764-3708.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions concerning the proposed action and the Draft EIS can be directed to: Kathleen Kunz, NEPA Coordinator or Forest Brooks, Project Manager, Seattle District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 3755, Seattle, Washington 98124-2255, ATTN: CENWS-PM-PL-ER, telephone (206) 764-3708.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The Chehalis River basin is located in west central Washington, south of Olympia. The focus of the flood damage reduction study encompasses the cities of Centralia and Chehalis and the urbanizing areas immediately adjacent to the cities.

The cities of Centralia and Chehalis have been subject to repeated flooding for many years. This flooding has caused extensive damage to private and public property and periodic closure of critical transportation routes resulting in significant economic losses. Flood closures of the transportation routes have also significantly disrupted emergency response actions by local

governments. Stream habitat functions of the Chehalis River and its tributaries have been affected from long-term development throughout the Chehalis Basin. This has resulted in the diminishment of the remaining habitat resources to adequately support sustainable fish and wildlife resources. The losses of wetlands, riparian areas, and back channels have also contributed to increased flooding in the area. The purpose of the Centralia-Chehalis Flood Damage Reduction study is to reduce flood hazards in the project area, the cities of Centralia and Chehalis and the urbanizing area immediately adjacent, and to incorporate appropriate fish and wildlife habitat improvements. Flood hazards are defined as significant damage to existing structures, high risk to life, and extended closures of transportation corridors.

Authority for this study is contained in Section 401(a) of the 1986 Flood Control Act (PL-99-662). This section provided authorization for the construction of "works of improvement" substantially in accordance with the Report of the Chief of Engineers dated 20 June 1984.

Alternatives

The Corps has currently identified 6 alternative courses of action for analysis. This is a preliminary assessment of alternatives. We believe the scoping process and the study process will also identify additional alternatives:

1. *No Action.* Allow current conditions and programs to remain as currently planned.
2. *Authorized Project.* The project identified in the 1984 Chief of Engineers Report only included modifications at Skookumchuck Dam to provide flood storage. These included a 12-foot diameter, 1,200-foot-long low-level discharge tunnel and a steel gate on top of the spillway.
3. *Lewis County Alternative.* Lewis County has developed a plan that consists of three major elements: modifications at Skookumchuck Dam to provide flood storage (sluices through the spillway and a rubber weir-type gate on top of the spillway), overbank excavation near Centralia, and flood bypass measures near Chehalis.
4. *Check Dam Alternative.* This alternative that would consist of a series of flow restriction structures, strategically located on the mainstream and/or tributaries of the Chehalis River. These would temporarily store flood water on selected areas of the existing rural/agricultural floodplain and reduce flood peaks downstream. This alternative would not interfere with fish